

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended):

Wiper device, comprising a wiper arm (10a – 10c, 10k, 10l), including:
a wiper rod (12a, 12c, 12k) for fixing a wiper blade;
a fixing element (14a – 14c, 14k, 14l) connected free of articulation to the wiper rod (12a, 12c, 12k);

and at least one partial zone (16a – 16m) having spring elasticity, characterized in that;,
wherein the wiper arm (10a – 10c, 10k, 10l) can shift essentially elastically from an operating configuration to at least one first stable configuration, the partial zone including a bistable component (50c – 50j, 50m) which comprises at least three elongated sections (40c – 40m, 42c, 42f – 42m), wherein the wiper blade can be mounted and dismounted when the wiper arm (10a – 10c, 10k, 10l) is in a mounted state and wherein the bistable component (50c – 50j, 50m) is manufactured by tensioning at least one of the three elongated sections (40c – 40m, 42c, 42f – 42m).

2. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that, the wiper arm (10a – 10c, 10k, 10l) in a demounted state features a second stable configuration varying from the first stable configuration, into which the wiper arm (10a – 10c, 10k, 10l) can essentially be shifted in a spring elastic manner.

3. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 2, characterized in that, the configurations occurring when shifting the wiper arm (10a – 10c, 10k, 10l) from the first into the second stable configuration include the operating configuration.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that, at least one section (40g, 40i – 40m, 42d, 42f, 42h) of the spring elastic partial zone (16d, 16f – 16m) is under initial tension in at least one stable configuration.

8. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized by, at least one limit stop (24k, 24l, 26k, 26l), via which a force can be initiated in a targeted manner in the area of the spring elastic partial zone (16k, 26l) during a shifting process between the two configurations.

9. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 8, characterized in that, the limit stop (24k, 24l, 26k, 26l) is formed on the fixing element (14k, 14l).

10. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that, at least one part of the spring elastic partial zone (16k, 16l) is integrated into the wiper rod (12k) as one piece.

11. (Currently Amended):

Wiper rod (12k) for a wiper device with a wiper arm (10a—10e, 10k, 10l), the wiper rod (12a,—12e, 12k) being provided for fixing a wiper blade, ~~the wiper rod and~~ comprising a fixing element (14a—14e, 14k, 14l) and at least one partial zone (16a—16m, 16k) having spring elasticity, characterized in that, wherein the wiper arm (10a—10e, 10k, 10l) can shift essentially from an operating configuration to at least one first stable configuration, wherein the wiper blade can be mounted and dismounted when the wiper arm (10a—10e, 10k, 10l) is in a mounted state, wherein at least one part of the spring elastic partial zone (16k, 16l) comprises three elongated sections (40k, 42k), wherein at least one of the three elongated sections (40k, 42k) ~~being~~ is integrated into the wiper rod (12k) as one piece and wherein the at least one of the three elongated sections (40k, 42k) has a curvature in a first direction in the first stable configuration and has a curvature in a second direction in the second stable configuration.

12. (Currently Amended):

Fixing element (14k, 14l) for a wiper device with a wiper arm (10a—10e, 10k, 10l) including a wiper rod (12a,—12e, 12k) for fixing a wiper blade, the fixing element (14a—14e, 14k, 14l) being adapted to be connected free of articulation to the wiper rod (12a,—12e, 12k) and comprising at least one partial zone (16a—16m) ~~having spring elasticity, characterized in that, limit stop~~ (24k, 24l, 26k, 26l), wherein the at least one limit stop (24k, 24l, 26k, 26l) is integrated into the fixing element (14k, 14l) as one piece, wherein the wiper arm (10a—10e, 10k, 10l) can shift essentially elastically from an operating configuration to at least one first stable configuration, wherein the wiper blade can be mounted and dismounted when the wiper arm (10a—10e, 10k, 10l) is in a mounted state.

13. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 3, characterized in that, at least one section (40g, 40i — 40m, 42d, 42f, 42h) of the spring elastic partial zone (16d, 16f — 16m) is under initial tension in at least one stable configuration.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 3, characterized by, at least one limit stop (24k, 24l, 26k, 26l), via which a force can be initiated in a targeted manner in the area of the spring elastic partial zone (16k, 26l) during a shifting process between the two configurations.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented):

Wiper device according to Claim 16, characterized in that, the limit stop (24k, 24l, 26k, 26l) is formed on the fixing element (14k, 14l).

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)